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Tom Carlson

After 13 years working at the National Center for State Courts, helping improve court administration via the use of technology, Mr. Carlson struck out on his own and founded Tom Carlson Consulting, LLC, in 2007. The small consulting firm specializes in all things NIEM-related, including training, tool development, IEPD development, and more.

Mr. Carlson sits on the NIEM Technical Architecture Committee (NTAC) and played a considerable role in shepherding the CYFS domain into the NIEM community. With degrees in both Computer Science and Law, Mr. Carlson's unusual educational background makes him well suited to working with NIEM.



Vance Hitch

In his role as Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief Information Officer of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Mr. Hitch held the honor of being the longest serving Federal CIO from 2002 to 2011. At DOJ, he was responsible for leading and implementing effective and efficient IT acquisition and management across the department.

Mr. Hitch also served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Federal Chief Information Officer Council and Co-chair of the Council's Information Security and Identity Management Committee, which leads cross-government cyber initiatives. He was a central figure in shaping the Obama administration's technology policy.

He is one of the founding sponsors of NIEM.

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Justin Stekervetz

As Acting Managing Director of the NIEM Program Management Office, Mr. Stekervetz and his team focus on nationwide implementations of NIEM at DHS and with other federal, state, and local partners. He also serves as the federal co-chair of the NIEM Technical Architecture Committee (NTAC), which is responsible for defining and documenting NIEM's architectural requirements.

With over 15 years of IT-related experience, Mr. Stekervetz has an extensive and diverse background in technical implementations, programming, data modeling, and systems integration, and co-led development of the UML Profile for NIEM in close collaboration with the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE), Object Management Group (OMG), and industry and academic partners. Most recently, Mr. Stekervetz provided leadership in the development and publication of NIEM 3.0 and Geo4NIEM by partnering with PM-ISE and the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC).



David L. DeVries

Mr. DeVries is a Senior Executive with broad experience in Information Technology, Information Management, and Command and Control Systems. He retired from the U.S. Army after serving more than 29 years with leadership and staff officer experience in operational assignments involving command and control communications as well as information management and technology. He finished his military career leading the creation of enterprise information sharing and IT capabilities to the Army leadership and major commands throughout the U.S.

He joined as DoD CIO in May 2009 and was responsible for integrating DoD policies and guidance to create information advantage for DoD personnel and organizations and DoD mission partners. Since August 2010, Mr. DeVries has been involved in several working groups focusing on realizing Secretary of Defense IT efficiencies, forging the way for a joint DoD-Veterans Affairs Electronic Health record capability, and establishing key enabling capabilities to achieve the DoD Information Technology Enterprise—all which are keystone capabilities in the Joint Information Environment framework, which will provide increased capabilities to the Warfighter and increased cyber security and efficiencies on how we provided these services throughout DoD.

Mr. DeVries holds a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy, and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington in Seattle, WA. He is also a graduate of the Army Senior Service College and served as a Corporate Fellow with IBM Business Consulting Services while participating in the Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellowship Program.